their weapons by looting. They also get them from illicit weapon manufacturing units. Law and order being a State subject, action in this regard is taken by the concerned State Governments. State Governments maintain close vigil in this respect, and also conduct Intelligence-based operations against naxalite hideouts and illicit weapon manufacturing units.

The Central Government maintains a close and continuous watch on the activities of the naxalites, including detailed consultations with the State Government authorities about the various developments and the steps required to check and control naxalite activities.

The Central Government also supplements the efforts and resources of the concerned State Governments by a variety of measures that include deployment of Central paramilitary forces which work under the control of the State Government concerned, sanctioning of India Reserve battalions, assistance for strengthening of the State police and Intelligence agencies under the scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces, re-imbursement of security-related expenditure, assistance in training of State police forces through the Ministry of Defence, Central Police Organisations and Bureau of Police Research and Development, sharing of Intelligence, facilitating inter-State coordination and assistance in development works through a range of schemes of various Ministries.

A Task Force under Special Secretary (Internal Security), with senior officers from Intelligence agencies, Central paramilitary forces and State police forces, deliberates upon the gamut of operational steps needed to deal with the naxalite activities and facilitates coordination between authorities of different States as may be necessary.

Taking steps as appropriate and necessary, having regard to the situation obtaining, is a continuous process.

Increasing incidence of terrorist attack due to intelligence failure

1308. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that incidents of attacks and blasts by terroists have been rising;

if so, the details thereof for the last five years;

whether these are due to intelligence failure or security forces failed to take serious note of intelligence reports; and

the action beting taken to root out terrorism from the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) It is not a fact that incidents of attacks and blasts by terrorists have been rising or that this is on account of intelligence failure. Although violence and militancy have continued in some parts of the country, the overall situation has remained largely in control. In fact, there has been a significant improvement in so far as the situation in Jammu and Kashmir is concerned, and even in the North Eastern Region, the situation has improved considerably in some State such as Tripura and Meghalaya, while co-ordinated measures are being taken to check and control the activities of militant groups in the other affected States in the region *viz.,* Assam, Manipur and Nagaland. In the naxai

affected areas also the overall level of the extremist violence has, more or less, remained at a similar level in the last few years and, has in fact, shown improvement in a number of areas, but for a few major incidents in some States like Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, etc. As far as terrorism in the hinterland is concerned, some incidents have occurred in different States.

Action taken by the Government to tackle terrorism includes urging the State Governments to take focused and coordinated measures to deal with the situation, and providing all possible help in this regard. Close coordination is being maintained between the Central and State agencies, including regular sharing of information and intelligence. As a result, a large number of terrorist modules have been busted and possible major terrorist incidents averted Institutional arrangements have also been put in place so that sharing and analysis of information and intelligence can be done on a continuing basis in a systematic and coordinated manner. The State Governments have also been urged to strengthen the State police forces by filling up vacancies and improving the police: population ratio, as also to take special measures to strengthen their intelligence set up. Assistance for these purposes is also been given under the Police Modernisation Scheme, under which the States have also been asked to prepare sub-plans for strengthening the intelligence related arrangements for which the assistance of Central agencies is also provided. All this is in addition to deployment of Central forces to assist the civil authorities in the States, liberal sanctions for raising of India Reserve (IR) battalions and assistance for general and specialized training for the State security forces.

Deteriorating law and order situation in Jharkhand

1309. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

whether Government is aware of the explosive law and order situation of Jharkhand, which is fast deteriorating day by day;

what are the proposals of Government to improve law and order in Jharkhand;

whether Government consider naxalism as socio-economic problem;

whether large number of tribal girls and boys are joining these naxal groups because of large scale unemployment, poverty and large scale corruption by all sections of bureaucracy depriving the poor tribals the benefits of social sector projects meant for their upliftment both by Government of India and State Government; and

how Government proposes to rectify this situation?

THE "MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) 'Police' and 'public order' being State subjects, action with respect to maintenance of law and order lies primarily in the domain of the concerned State Government.

The Central Government, however, also closely monitors the situation and. supplements the efforts of the State Governments in a variety of ways.